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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIETS APPOINT AMBASSADOR

1. LOCAL PRESS ON MARCH 23 CARRIED AGENCY REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIETS HAVE APPOINTED DIMITRY MUSIN AS FIRST FULL-TIME SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAMAICA. MUSIN IS DESCRIBED AS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS SERVED IN BRITAIN AND CANADA AND AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA. HE REPLACES YURI VOLKOV, MOSCOW'S FIRST AMBASSADOR HERE WHO RESIDED IN MEXICO CITY.

2. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, SOVIET CHARGE YURI LOGANOV DENIES SOVIETS HAVE ANY GREAT INTEREST IN JAMAICA AND HENCE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DEVOTE ANY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THEIR RESOURCES TO THE COUNTRY. THE SINCERITY OF SUCH PROTESTATIONS IS DOUBTFUL AT BEST. JAMAICA, UNDER THE PNP GOVERNMENT, HAS OPENLY EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST STATES, ESPECIALLY CUBA. HOW THE SOVIETS ASSESS THEIR CHANCES OF MOVING JAMAICA INTO THEIR POLITICAL SPHERE AND WHAT RESOURCES THEY MAY BE WILLING TO DEVOTE TO SUCH AN EFFORT REMAIN TO BE SEEN.

3. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SEEK TO CARRY OUT
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THEIR OBJECTIVES WITH A MINIMUM FINANCIAL INVESTMENT. HOWEVER, EVIDENCE (FULL-TIME AMBASSADOR, BUILDUP IN ECONOMIC STAFF, PUBLICITY ARRANGED FOR THE CEMENT PLANT PROJECT) SUGGESTS THEY HAVE ADOPTED AN ACTIVE POSTURE OF ALERTNESS IN SPOTTING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FIELD, FOR WHICH PUBLICITY COULD BE OBTAINED AND WHICH WOULD NOT INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCING.

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